

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gunda Thompson was born on December 10, 1914, at Colton, South Dakota, to August and Christine Thompson, the youngest of their 12 children;

Whereas, Gunda moved with her family to Baltic, South Dakota, in 1928, where she graduated from high school in 1934; and,

Whereas, Gunda married Gilmer Dregseth and to this union one daughter, Gaila, was born, and Gunda is also blessed with three grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and a beloved cat, Baby; and,

Whereas, Gunda moved to Sioux Falls in 1949, married Guy Blastervold in 1951, held a variety of positions where she served her employers and the public well by virtue of her friendliness and strong work ethic, and retired in 1970; and,

Whereas, Gunda returned to the work force in 1973, accepting a position as a professional counselor at Keystone Treatment Center in Canton, South Dakota, where she helped many individuals help themselves to recovery using her ready smile, contagious laugh, compassion, and love in her heart for people; and,

Whereas, Gunda has many interests and talents, shares her love of music through participation in her church choir and playing the keyboard at family gatherings, and has always enjoyed playing cards and other games; and,

Whereas, Gunda will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on December 5, 2004, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2004, as

GUNDA BLASTERVOLD DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

